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ON SPIDER-ISLAND, THE SPIDER-QUEEN REIGNS SUPREME, RULING HER DOMAIN WITH AN ARMY OF SPIDER-MINIONS. NOT EVERYONE IS CONTENT WITH HER RULE, THOUGH. LED BY AGENT VENOM (A.K.A. FLASH THOMPSON), A CONTINGENT OF MILDLY MUTATED HEROES HAS MOUNTED A RESISTANCE. IN THEIR LATEST RAID ON AN A.I.M. FACILITY, THEY FREED RENOWNED GENETICIST STEGRON THE DINOSAUR-MAN AND LOCATED AN UNINFECTED PETER PARKER!

SPIDER-ISLAND

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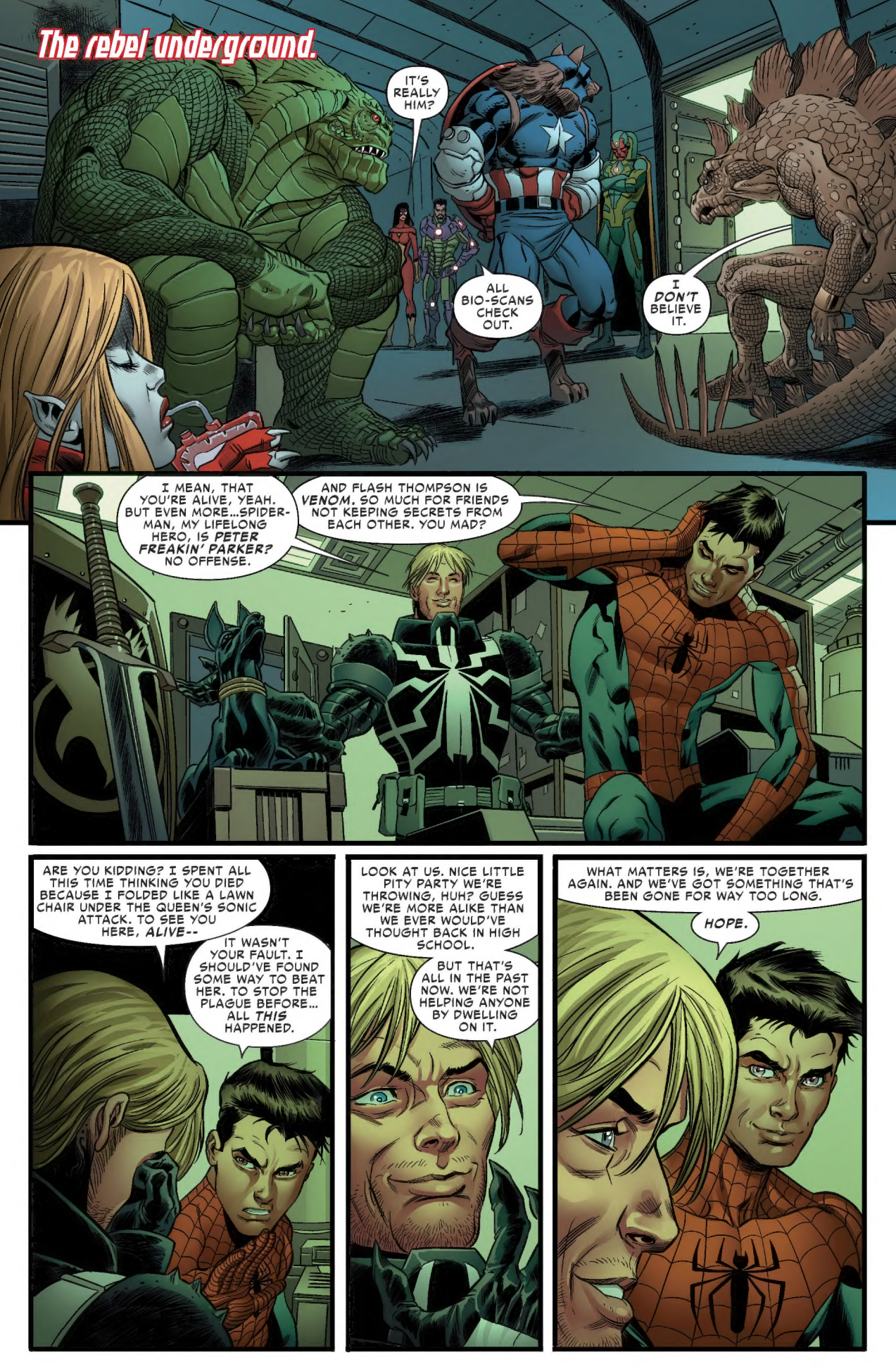
The Spider-Queen's prime research lab.
GET SPIDEY AND STEGRON OUT OF HERE. I'LL COVER YOUR RETREAT.
ALONE? THE ALARM'S SOUNDED. GUARDS ARE CONVERGING UPON OUR POSITION. I CALCULATE YOUR ODDS OF ESCAPING, WITH STEGRON'S DEVICE INTACT, AT--
NO OFFENSE, VISION, BUT TO HELL WITH YOUR ODDS.
I FAILED SPIDER-MAN ONCE BEFORE. THOUGHT I LET HIM DIE.
NOW THAT I HAVE A SECOND CHANCE...
SHWIP TWIP THIP

...NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN STOP ME.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM
HWW AA ARRR!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! EVERYONE PREPARE TO RETREAT!
HULK, BACK 'EM INTO POSITION.
WHAKOOOOM
GOOD. HULK SICK OF SPIDERS.
GET WHAT YOU WERE AFTER, THOMPSON?
IT'S ON MY BACK, CAROL. CAN YOU BUY US SOME TIME?
SURE. FIRE IN THE HOLE!
CLICK
BWHOOOOM
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL WE FOUND. WE GOT SOMETHING EVEN BETTER. SOMETHING THAT MIGHT JUST TURN THE TIDE IN THIS WAR.
YOU ARE NEVER GONNA BELIEVE THIS...

The former Avengers Tower.
ESCAPED?!
Now the throne room of the Spider-Queen.
THE INCOMPETENT FOOLS *LET THEM ESCAPE?!*
SHOULD I HAVE THOSE RESPONSIBLE *EXECUTED*, MY QUEEN? OR WOULD YOU PREFER THEY SLAY THEMSELVES?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT, JAMESON. I'M NOT ABOUT TO REDUCE MY FORCES JUST AS THE ENEMY'S ARE GROWING. THEY'VE DISCOVERED WHAT I KILLED *THE JACKAL* TO KEEP SECRET...
...THAT, WHILE THERE IS NO CURE FOR THE SPIDER-PLAGUE, *FURTHER* GENETIC ALTERATION CAN PLUCK MY CHILDREN FROM THE LOVING EMBRACE OF OUR HIVE MIND.
BUT WITH THE RETURN OF THEIR INFERIOR, INDIVIDUAL PERSONAS...ALSO COMES THEIR INDIVIDUAL *WEAKNESSES.*
ATTEND ME, MY BROOD. THESE ARE THE WISHES OF YOUR QUEEN...


The rebel underground.
IT'S REALLY HIM?
ALL BIO-SCANS CHECK OUT.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
I MEAN, THAT YOU'RE ALIVE, YEAH. BUT EVEN MORE...SPIDER-MAN, MY LIFELONG HERO, IS PETER FREAKIN' PARKER? NO OFFENSE.
AND FLASH THOMPSON IS VENOM. SO MUCH FOR FRIENDS NOT KEEPING SECRETS FROM EACH OTHER. YOU MAD?
ARE YOU KIDDING? I SPENT ALL THIS TIME THINKING YOU DIED BECAUSE I FOLDED LIKE A LAWN CHAIR UNDER THE QUEEN'S SONIC ATTACK. TO SEE YOU HERE, ALIVE--
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. I SHOULD'VE FOUND SOME WAY TO BEAT HER. TO STOP THE PLAGUE BEFORE... ALL THIS HAPPENED.
LOOK AT US. NICE LITTLE PITY PARTY WE'RE THROWING, HUH? GUESS WE'RE MORE ALIKE THAN WE EVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL.
BUT THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW. WE'RE NOT HELPING ANYONE BY DWELLING ON IT.
WHAT MATTERS IS, WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN. AND WE'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN GONE FOR WAY TOO LONG.
HOPE.

WELCOME BACK, PETE.
THANKS, JESS.
IT'S HIM. IT'S REALLY HIM!
SO? WHAT'S HE EVER DONE FOR US? HE HAD HIS CHANCE TO STOP THE QUEEN AND BLEW IT.
LISTEN, SOLDIER, SPIDER-MAN IS THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE OF NOT ENDING UP LIKE EVERY OTHER ARACHNO-ZOMBIE OUT THERE. SO WHEN HE SAYS JUMP, YOU SAY--
NO.
HE'S RIGHT. I TRIED EVERYTHING I COULD THINK OF, AND NONE OF IT WORKED. PLUS, I'VE BEEN OUT OF IT FOR MONTHS. I'M COMPLETELY BEHIND THE CURVE.
IT'S HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN, PAL. YOU'RE THE QUARTERBACK.
PUT THE TEAM ON YOUR SHOULDERS AND TAKE US ACROSS THE GOAL LINE.
WHAT'S THE PLAN?

WELL... OBVIOUSLY, OUR BIGGEST DISADVANTAGE IS NUMBERS. THE QUEEN'S GOT THE WHOLE CITY AS HER ARMY. WE NEED TO EVEN THE ODDS...AND OUR BEST SHOT IS THIS.
THE RETRO-GENERATION RAY. NOT A BAD IDEA AT ALL, IF WE CAN GET IT WORKING...
...AND TRUST THE GUY WHO MADE IT.
I DETESSST YOU AS WELL, INSECT. BUT THE QUEEN REDUCED ME TO MY WEAK, HUMAN FORM. ENSSSLAVED ME.
SSSTEGRON CRAVES REVENGE. AND TO GAIN IT, I WILL ALLY MYSELF WITH ANYONE...EVEN YOU.
THERE'S A RINGING ENDORSEMENT.
DON'T WORRY. I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON DR. VINCENT STEGRON.
AND BY THE WAY, HOW'S THAT FOR NOMINATIVE DETERMINISM? PRETTY MUCH KNEW WHAT YOU'D BE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, HUH, STEGGY?
WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU TOLD YOUR PARENTS YOU WERE GONNA BE A PALEONTOLOGIST? I'M GUESSING THEY DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TRYING TO STEER YOU TO LAW SCHOOL.
SSSILENCE, MAMMAL!
I MEAN, WHAT OTHER CHOICE WAS THERE? "I AM STEGRON--THE MAILMAN!" KINDA FALLS FLAT, DOESN'T IT? "VINCENT STEGRON REAL ESTATE." LACKS A CERTAIN JE NE SAIS QUOI.
CHEF, MAYBE? "A TASTE OF STEGRON?" HAHAHAHA!
HRR. HUMANSSS.
FLASH, YOU GOT A SEC?

I KNOW. THE GOBLIN FORMULA DRIVES PEOPLE NUTS...BUT WE HAD NO CHOICE. AND STARK SWEARS HE CAN KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL.
SO DID NORMAN OSBORN. AND HARRY. AND ALL THE REST.
I'M NOT QUESTIONING YOUR CALL. IF IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GIVE HIM HIS MIND BACK AND KEEP FROM KILLING HIM, I GET IT. BUT LOOK AT HIM, FLASH.
HE CHANGED THE COLORS OF HIS ARMOR. NOT THE PERFORMANCE. THE COLORS. HE'S USING OSBORN'S GLIDER, WHEN WE KNOW HE'S GOT BOOT JETS.
STEGRON'S ALWAYS LIVED IN CRAZY TOWN, BUT I'M WORRIED TONY'S MOVING INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
THAT'S WHY I'M HOPING YOU'LL LOOK OVER THEIR WORK. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, BUDDY...
...WE'RE FRESH OUT OF BETTER OPTIONS.
OKAY. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL STOP POINTING OUT PROBLEMS AND START SOLVING THEM.
I'VE ANALYZED SYNTHETIC BLOOD SUBSTITUTES FOR MORBIUS BEFORE. I'LL WHIP ONE UP FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL.
THE OTHER THING WE NEED IS MORE OF CURT CONNORS' LIZARD FORMULA. ANYTHING THAT'LL BRING OUR FRIENDS BACK TO OUR SIDE.
I'M ON IT. AND IF MY OLD APARTMENT'S STILL ACCESSIBLE, I HAVE AN IDEA FOR SOMETHING THAT'LL HELP YOU, TOO.
MANHATTAN WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY. BUT IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT, THAT'S ALL WE'LL NEED TO SAVE IT.

26 hours later.
THIS IS ABOUT ALL THE LIZARD FORMULA I CAN MAKE WITH WHAT WE HAVE, SO I HOPE YOU FOUND--
WE DID. BUT, PETE...WE WERE ATTACKED.
WE EXPECTED THAT, DIDN'T WE?
IT IS NOT THE ATTACK ITSELF THAT TROUBLES CORPORAL THOMPSON. ALLOW ME TO ILLUSTRATE...
MARY JANE. BETTY BRANT. SHARON CARTER. CARLIE COOPER.
DID YOU FIND THEM? ARE THEY--
IDENTITY MATCH IN PROGRESS
YEAH. WE FOUND THEM...
OH MY GOD.

WE HAVE TO GET THEM. CHANGE THEM--
CLEARLY THAT IS THE QUEEN'S WISH.
SHE WANTS US TO USE UP ANYTHING WE HAVE ON NON-POWERED CIVILIANS, INSTEAD OF SUPERHUMANS WHO COULD TIP THE BALANCE AGAINST HER.
I WANT TO GO AFTER THEM. BETTY...MJ... THE THOUGHT OF THEM, LIKE *THAT*...
BUT THE QUEEN'S PULLING OUR STRINGS. TRYING TO FORCE US TO MAKE AN EMOTIONAL DECISION. IF WE PLAY INTO HER HANDS, WE COULD LOSE THIS WAR.
AND IF WE DON'T, WE'RE LOSING ***OURSELVES.*** WHAT MAKES US HUMAN...DIFFERENT THAN THE QUEEN.
IF WE GIVE THAT UP, I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE STAYED A SPIDER-CREATURE. AND IF ***YOU*** WON'T HELP PEOPLE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LOVE, THEN...
...THEN I ***CAN'T TRUST YOU.*** YOU'RE NOT MY FRIENDS. MAYBE THE QUEEN'S STILL ***CONTROLLING YOU*** SOMEHOW--
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT IT'S WHAT THE QUEEN WANTS.
IT'S OUR ***RESPONSIBILITY.***
SORRY. THE GOBLIN FORMULA...I'M REALIZING IT MAKES YOU ***PARANOID,*** TOO.
IT'S OKAY, TONY.

Across town.
TONY! HURRY UP WITH THE GAS BOMBS, THEY'RE BREAKING FREE!
HWWAARRR!
THIS IS ALL I'VE GOT! IF THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS ARE MUTATED TO THE POINT WHERE IT CAN'T KNOCK THEM OUT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT--
FINALLY. I WAS STARTING TO SMELL THE GAS EVEN THROUGH MY MASK FILTERS. NOW, BEFORE THE QUEEN SENDS REINFORCEMENTS...
TCHT
IT WORKED. THANK GOD.
LET'S GET THEM BACK TO BASE...

The tunnels.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
WEIRD... PUNCHY...BUT BETTER. I CAN THINK FOR MYSELF AGAIN.
WHICH MEANS THE QUEEN CAN'T LOOK INTO THEIR MINDS AND FIND US. RIGHT?
CORRECT. HOWEVER, MY SCAN DETECTS--
BACK! ALL OF YOU!
VISION, WHAT--?
APOLOGIES. BUT IF YOU WILL PERMIT ME--
GO AHEAD. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REMEMBER THINGS ABOUT BEING THAT CREATURE, AND I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA WHAT THIS IS.
OH, MAN. ARE THOSE--?
BOMBS. THAT VISION DEACTIVATED JUST IN TIME. BUT I'M BETTING THEY'RE ALSO--
THOOOM

--TRACKING DEVICES.
AVENGERS
WE'VE FOUND THEM! IN THE NAME OF THE QUEEN, THE REBELLION DIES HERE!
QUICK! EVERYONE OUT!
SPIDER-MAN, SPIDER-WOMAN, GET THE CIVILIANS TO SAFETY! STEGRON, GET AS MUCH EQUIPMENT AS YOU CAN AND FOLLOW! EVERYONE ELSE, REPEL THE ATTACK!
HULK SMASH PUNY INSECTS!
FLASH! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM! THEY'RE COMING AT US FROM ALL SIDES!
THEY'VE BOXED US IN. YOU NEED THE HULK TO SMASH YOU A WAY OUT.
BUT. HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HOLD THEM BACK!
WRONG. I CAN.

YOU'RE CRAZY. THAT'S SUICIDE!
I AM CRAZY. THE GOBLIN FORMULA...I CAN FEEL WHAT'S LEFT OF MY MIND GOING. THAT'S WHY IT HAS TO BE ME.
PRETTY SOON I'LL BE LIKE OSBORN. I'D RATHER GO OUT LIKE THIS. AS MYSELF.
I SPENT SO MUCH OF MY LIFE BUILDING WEAPONS. WEAPONS THAT KILLED AND MAIMED SOLDIERS LIKE YOU. WHILE I CAROUSED ON PRIVATE JETS WITH DOM PÉRIGNON AND SUPERMODELS.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT NOTHING I DID AS IRON MAN COULD EVER REALLY MAKE UP FOR THAT. BUT I HOPE...MAYBE THIS DOES.
THE BLACK KNIGHT'S EBONY BLADE. YOU NEVER USED IT BECAUSE OF ITS BLOOD CURSE, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT TONY--
THEN IT'S PERFECT. BECAUSE THE CURSE ENDS WHEN THE WIELDER DIES.
MAKE THIS COUNT, FLASH. THAT'S ALL I ASK.
I WILL. I PROMISE.
HULK! GO HELP AGENT VENOM, I'VE GOT THIS.
HEY, GIANT-MAN! DIDN'T ANYONE EVER TELL YOU SPIDERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ITSY BITSY? HAHAHA...

HA HAHAHA HAHA HA!
POOR TONY. WE WERE SO CLOSE...
WE STILL ARE. THAT'S WHY SHE'S GOTTEN DESPERATE.
FOR TONY. FOR ALL OF THEM...
...WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SPIDER-ISLAND BACK.
Continued in two weeks!

MY NAME IS MAY "MAYDAY" PARKER AND I AM THE DAUGHTER OF SPIDER-MAN.
I USED TO CALL MYSELF SPIDER-GIRL--
--BUT RECENTLY SWITCHED TO SPIDER-WOMAN AFTER A SUPERHUMAN MADMAN MURDERED MY DAD.
I WAS HANGING WITH MY FRIEND STINGER WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY AMERICAN DREAM.
THAT'S WHEN MY FATHER'S KILLER-- DAEMOS-- SUDDENLY REAPPEARED.
I HAVE RETURNED, LITTLE SPIDER--
--FOR YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY!
NO!
I SPARED YOUR LIFE ONCE.
A DECISION I NOW REGRET.

MAYDAY PARKER: SPIDER-WOMAN in...

"THE ENEMY WITHIN!"

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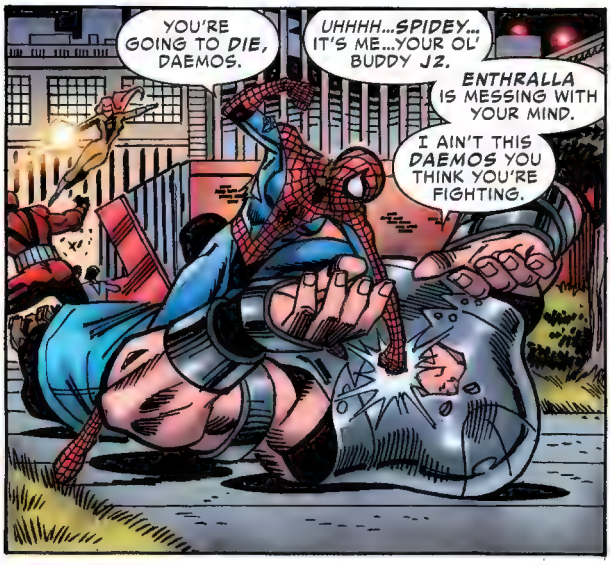

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, DAEMOS.
UHHHH...SPIDEY... IT'S ME...YOUR OL' BUDDY J2.
ENTHRALLA IS MESSING WITH YOUR MIND.
I AIN'T THIS DAEMOS YOU THINK YOU'RE FIGHTING.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.
WHY ARE AVENGERS FIGHTING AVENGERS?
WE MAY SOON BE FACING AN EVEN GREATER CONCERN, MASTER LANG.

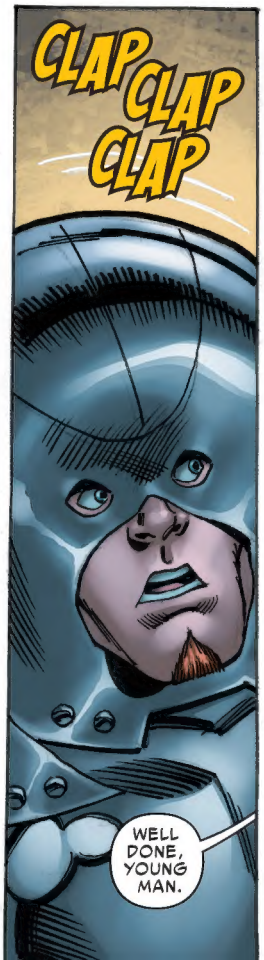
IF THEY SHOULD ACCIDENTALLY BREACH AVENGERS COMPOUND--
NO NEED TO ELABORATE, JARVIS.
I NEED TO SHUT DOWN OUR DEFENSE GRID.
WE DON'T WANT OUR SECURITY PROTOCOLS TO START SHREDDING THE PEOPLE IT IS MEANT TO PROTECT.
NO... UHHHH...
YOU OKAY, JARVIS?
INDEED, SIR...
THWAK
WOKT
WACK
EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.
YOU CAN'T IMAGINE THE DAMAGE YOU'VE CAUSED.
MY MOM WANDERS THE HOUSE LIKE A GHOST, WEARING DAD'S OLD SWEATSHIRTS.
MY BABY BROTHER WILL NEVER KNOW HIS OWN FATHER.
I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO GROW UP WITHOUT A DAD, SPIDEY.
IT SUCKS!
BUT THAT AIN'T ON ME.
I WILL GIVE YOUR FAMILY PEACE, LITTLE SPIDER.
THE PEACE OF THE GRAVE!
NO!!!
IT'S MY JOB TO PROTECT THEM.
MY RESPONSIBILITY!

CAFÉ INDIGO
EST 1998
MAY OVERDOES THE WHOLE RESPONSIBILITY BIT.
AS I'M SURE YOU BOTH AGREE.
OSBORN. URICH. THIS IS A REAL PLEASURE.
MARY JANE TELLS ME THAT YOU ARE OUR GIRL'S CLOSEST CONFIDANTS.
PHIL AND I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PITCH IN ON OCCASION.
NORMIE IS DOWNPLAYING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, BEN.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. HE EVEN REBUILT OUR HOUSE.
I WANTED TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS MAY.
SHE'S BEEN IN OVERDRIVE SINCE PETER DIED.
I'M AFRAID SHE'S GOING TO BURN HERSELF OUT.
IS THERE ANY WAY WE CONVINCE HER TO EASE BACK A LITTLE--
"--AND START SHARING HER BURDENS?"
I WON'T LET YOU RUIN ANOTHER WORLD.
I DON'T CARE HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE.
I'LL FIND A WAY STOP YOU.
I'LL FIND A WAY!

CUT IT OUT, SPIDEY.
I'M NOT YOUR PROBLEM.
IT'S ENTHRALLA, BUT I SEEM TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES HER.
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING LIKE CRAZY.
AND, YET, THE DANGER DOESN'T SEEM TO BE DAEMOS.
MY MIND FEELS LIKE IT'S ON FIRE.
LIKE I'M THE THREAT.
HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSI--

ARRRGH!

S-SPIDEY--?!?
W-WHAT HAPPENED?
I SWEAR I DIDN'T LAY A HAND ON HER.


CLAP CLAP CLAP
WELL DONE, YOUNG MAN.

YOU ARE THE LAST AVENGER STANDING.
THE RED QUEEN!
I PREFER TO BE KNOWN AS HOPE PYM.
TO HONOR MY PARENTS WHO DIED BECAUSE OF THE AVENGERS.
CAN I ZAP HIM NOW, HOPE?
PATIENCE, ENTHRALLA.
SINCE YOUR HELMET PREVENTS MY ASSOCIATE FROM CONTROLLING YOUR PERCEPTIONS, I NEED YOU TO REMOVE IT--
--OR WE WILL KILL ALL YOUR FRIENDS.
I... UHHHH...
NOW!
I WON'T ASK AGAIN.
OKAY.
OKAY.
YOU WIN.
I BELIEVE I DO.
THE AVENGERS ARE NOW MINE!
To Be Continued--!